## Wyoming Senior Services Board Meeting Minutes – March 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 – Cheyenne Holiday Inn

The Meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by WSSB Chairman, Jo Cox.

Attendance was noted by self-introduction and sign in.

WSSB Board Members present: Jo Cox, Ky Dixon, Judy Allshouse, Ursula Huckfeldt, Elouise Rossler, Jean Pinter, Tim Ernst, ex-officio; absent: Floyd Huxford.

WY Department of Health employees attending: April Getchius and Liz Vigil.

Also in attendance: Kris Stringer and Luana Bennington, Uinta; Carmen Rideout, Sheridan; Herb Wilcox, Wyoming Senior Citizens Inc.; Donna Howard, Crook; DeAnne Hensel, Wheatland; Becky Zaist, Jackson Hole; Jim Bagshaw, Thayne; Gary Gilbert, Carbon; Jeanine Cox, Rock Springs; Don Makie, Green River; Denise Anderson, Lovell; Lindy Linn, Shoshoni; Cathy Florian, Powell; Sue Carey, Ten Sleep; Janet Dickeson, Thermopolis; Cynthia Johnson, Greybull; Dick Cuthbertson, Laramie (Eppson); Marge Myers, Sundance (Advisory Council on Aging); Jeri Bottenfield, Torrington; Elaine Monroe and Sherry Blackburn, Northern Arapaho/Black Coal.

Liz Vigil reviewed the format for establishing WSSB funding to Senior Centers in the Formula and Wage 1 grants.

Minutes of the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved on a motion from Jean Pinter.

Second quarter financial reports and a comparison of new formatting for financial reports were presented by Liz Vigil.

Motion by Huckfeldt second by Allshouse to use the \$5966 of returned WSSB formula funding to partially cover the \$6606 which was approved for adjustments in the 2012 (current) formula funding distribution. Motion approved. The remainder will be transferred from WSSB Administrative funds as previously approved.

2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial reports were approved on motion by Pinter seconded by Huckfeldt.

Report from Jeanine Cox chair of the Ad Hoc Formula/Grant Budget Committee. The Committee consisting of Jeanine Cox, Janet Dickeson, Ky Dixon, Judy Allshouse, and Tim Ernst met at 10:30 March 5<sup>th</sup>. Also attending were Jo Cox and April Getchius. The committee recommends the following actions relative to potential WSSB funding cuts:

Up to \$329,036 could be cut from the FY 2013 and FY 2014 biennium budget by implementing the following:

- 1) Budget a total of \$50,000 each year for emergency grants, and limit those grants to a maximum of \$10,000 each.
- 2) Eliminate funding for Silver Haired Legislature in FY 2014.

- 3) Fund the actual (39) Centers' Basic Grants at \$30,000 per year. In the past the total for basic funds had been based on 40 centers.
- 4) The potential cuts would be from the biennial budget, and no further cuts would be made unless the Legislature imposed them, directly mentioning WSSB, or the board approved them.

Motion by Allshouse seconded by Huckfeldt to approve the committee's recommendation.\*

Questions and discussion followed, particularly in regard to the Silver Haired Legislature. It was suggested that perhaps sponsorship of the Silver Haired Legislature could be assumed by the American Legion, or another organization — similar to Boy's and Girl's State — or by a non-profit organized for that purpose. Less than half of Wyoming counties currently send representatives to the SHL. Many times the representatives are recruited or sometimes self-appointed rather than elected. It has been challenging for Senior Centers to commit staff time to coordinating SHL. WSSB was designated by Governor Freudenthal as the board for pass-through of state funds for SHL. WSSB has designated the Wyoming Association of Senior Project Directors to facilitate a Senior Center to assume leadership and fiscal responsibility for SHL. Neither organization has the time to facilitate effective leadership particularly in creating procedures for SHL. Several people including Elouise Rossler and Ursula Huckfeldt, WSSB members and former Silver Haired Legislators, spoke of the positive impacts of the SHL, not only for delegates, but in effecting important legislation. After discussion, the motion by Allshouse (\*above) was passed unanimously.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter reports from Hot Springs and Crook County were approved on motion by Ky Dixon.

FY 2013 WSSB funding distribution for Basic, Formula, and Wage 1, 2, and 3 grants (\$5,603,342) was approved on motion by Elouise Rossler second by Judy Allshouse. The funding distribution will be posted on the WSSB website: <a href="www.health.wyo.gov/aging/wssb/wssb.html">www.health.wyo.gov/aging/wssb/wssb.html</a> on March 12.

Grant revisions for current fiscal year:

Grant revisions were approved for:

Sheridan on motion by Pinter, seconded by Rossler.

Star Valley on motion by Huckfeldt seconded by Pinter. Vote yes -4; no -1 (Allshouse) because whenever possible centers should get bids for audits before preparing their budgets. Crook on motion by Dixon, seconded by Pinter.

Northern Arapaho (Black Coal) on motion by Dixon, seconded by Rossler.

There were no emergency grant requests or close-out reports.

The potential of developing an attendance policy was discussed. Several board members mentioned that when the Governor's office contacted them to discuss their appointment to WSSB, they were told that they could expect two meetings per year when in fact there are at least four. Ky Dixon reported that when she had contacted Governor Freudenthal's office to see if the Governor would be amenable to receiving a job description for WSSB members, his representative said (respectfully) that the Governor has staff to screen and manage appointments and a job description would not be helpful. Jo Cox will speak to the Governor's staff.

Silver Haired Legislature policy was tabled due to funding uncertainty.

FY 2013 grant forms will be posted on the website <a href="www.health.wyo.gov/aging/wssb/wssb.html">www.health.wyo.gov/aging/wssb/wssb.html</a> on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

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There were no further committee reports and no reports from the Advisory Council on Aging, WASPD, or the Wyoming Department of Health Senior Services Aging Division.

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Next meeting: 10 a.m., May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Reach Foundation Building, Riverton.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: Date\_

Jo Cox, Chair

Ky Dixon, Vice Chair/Recorder